

## Beautification Award

August, 2012

**University Place** opened in 2003 and has been a welcoming greenscape on the western edge of West Lafayette. The community, located on Lindberg Road west of the Celery Bog, features large beds of roses lining the center drive, as well as colorful plantings around the signs. Retention ponds are designed into the landscape and are full of fish and wildlife; this summer many Canadian geese roam the campus. The property is watered by an irrigation system as well as by hand, and is a green oasis during this summer of drought. The WL Tree Fund is appreciative of the watering of the street trees, planted in memory of Helen Lillich, a former resident.

Residents of University Place are part of the decision-making process on landscaping changes and give input into options for plant material and purpose. The Garden homes are individualized and many residents take advantage of garden plots to grow vegetables. A new Enabling Garden has been established at the Health Center, giving those residents an opportunity to be outdoors and close to raised beds planted with colorful flowers. The first executive director of this senior living community, Mike Logan, was very much involved in developing the landscape plan and worked closely with Karen Sullivan to ensure that residents' wishes are carried out. There have been changes to major plantings, as well as hardscaping, but the look and feel of a maturing landscape with established foundation plantings is present. The City of West Lafayette is appreciative of the commitment that University Place has made to its attractive and welcoming presence.



